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Title: Need to stop operation of the trains after sunset between New Jalpaiguri-Alipurduar in Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal keeping in view the train accidents of wild elephants.

SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR ROY (JALPAIGURI): Recently two adult elephants were killed by the running trains between New Jalpaiguri - Alipurduar in Jalpaiguri district. Over the past five years as many as 25 elephants have so far been killed in train accidents on the railway track between Alipurduar Junction and New Jalpaiguri that passes through the forest. All the incidents have taken place at night and despite repeated requests, the railway authority is yet to consider the stoppage of running trains both passengers/goods on the track after sunset.

The proposal to decrease the speed of the train is not a solution. Emphasis should be given to make alternative arrangement to avoid any such incidents.

So, I urge upon the Government to take up the matter with all seriousness to stop operation of the trains on the said railway tracks after sunset.